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PRESS RELEASE

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR 22ND HOME SHOW OPENING THIS WEEK

For immediate release:

The Waikato Events Centre has been transformed for the four day Waikato Home and Garden Show which begins tomorrow Thursday, 5 October and continues until Sunday 8 October.

With around 400 exhibitors confirmed from throughout New Zealand and overseas, the 22nd show, now the largest specialist event of its type in New Zealand, is expected to generate widespread interest from the Waikato and beyond. Event organiser Graham Hannah said in the 10 days prior to show opening hundreds of people are involved in the major construction required.

“We’ve had to erect a clear span structure this year to cater for the unprecedented demand for exhibition space. It is equivalent in size to around quarter of an acre, has a carpeted wooden floor and exhibition lighting, and is the largest temporary structure to be built at the Waikato Events Centre. The Home Show is certainly the largest event

held at the centre - and from a venue's perspective it works very well because there are indoor and outdoor spaces, along with close proximity to the city and free parking.

“We're excited to be offering for the first time at a New Zealand home show wireless broadband to exhibitors. As well, many of the popular features are returning, including the Interior Design Awards, the New Zealand Landscape Awards, the Artists Symposium and the NZ Garden Art Exhibition.”

A number of exciting new features are being launched at this year's show. “A big crowd pleaser will be Joshua Patterson's magnificent samurai garden film set,” said Mr Hannah. “Josh is an internationally renowned greensmaster who specialises in building sets for feature films.”

Gracing the garden is an impressive work by leading New Zealand sculptor, Fred Graham, entitled The Waltz of the Herons.

Mr Hannah said other features to look out for are the Raglan Zone, the Wearable Garden Arts competition and the new landscape design area. The Bush Bar has also expanded.”

Visitors should put aside at least three hours for viewing the Home Show. Special night lighting effects can be enjoyed on Friday and Saturday nights.

“If you haven’t visited the Home Show in recent years, then do come along, you will be amazed how much it has grown,” said Mr Hannah.

The Waikato Home and Garden Show opens at the Waikato Events Centre, Hamilton on Thursday October 5 and continues until Sunday October 8. Opening hours are

Thursday 10am – 6pm, Friday and Saturday 10am – 10pm and Sunday 10am – 6pm.

Admission for adults is \$14, children (5-13 years) \$4, free entry for children under five and special half price entry on the first day for superannuitants.

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